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PRODUCING THE SAME, AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE  
 $\alpha$ -HYDROXY ACIDS USING THE SAME

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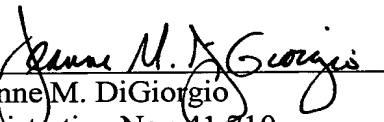
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